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BALTIMORE MAN SENTENCED TO OVER 12 YEARS FOR GUN & DRUG VIOLATIONS

BALTIMORE, Maryland - United States Attorney for the District of Maryland Rod J. Rosenstein announces that today U.S. District Judge Richard D. Bennett sentenced Jermaine Mobley, age 33, of Baltimore, Maryland to 151 months in prison followed by 3 years of supervised release for possession with intent to distribute heroin and the illegal possession of a firearm.

According to the stipulated facts presented to the court on October 21, 2005 at his guilty plea, on January 27, 2005 Baltimore City Police officers observed Mobley exiting a small alleyway near Chase Street and 1100 McDonough Street in Baltimore. Upon seeing the officers, Mobley ran into 1100 McDonough. The officers investigated the alley and saw footprints in the snow leading to the back window of a dwelling. The officers discovered two plastic bags containing small gelcaps of heroin sticking out from behind a board in the window.

The officers hid nearby. About 5 minutes later, Mobley returned to the alleyway and removed several heroin gelcaps from the bags. When the officers tried to arrest him, Mobley ran back into 1100 McDonough. As Mobley ran toward the back of the house he turned towards an officer chasing him and displayed a gun. When the officer drew his weapon, Mobley placed his gun on the floor and ran down the basement stairs with the officer following. As they reached the basement, Mobley tossed the heroin to the ground and tried to run out the basement door. The officer grabbed him and in the struggle Mobley attempted to grab the officer's gun hand.

Mobley was previously convicted in the Maryland of conspiracy to distribute a controlled dangerous substance and possession with intent to distribute a controlled dangerous substance.

United States Attorney Rod J. Rosenstein thanked the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives and the Baltimore City Police Department for the investigative work performed in this case. Mr. Rosenstein also praised Assistant United States Attorney Christine Manuelian for prosecuting the case.